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**Brig. Gen. Edwin B. Howard**  
Assistant Commissioner  
Field Inspections & Security Division  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear General Howard:

I refer to your letter of 17 May 1956 to the Director file number 563641U7, requesting information regarding merchant vessels calling in U. S. ports which, while carrying the flag of Free World countries, are under the control of Soviet Bloc countries.

The United States Coast Guard is charged with the responsibility for a port security program and pursuant to this responsibility and NSC Action 5408 approved February 24, 1954, the Coast Guard maintains on a continuing basis, inter alia, the shipping information which you have requested. The Central Intelligence Agency and other United States intelligence organizations contribute to this Coast Guard activity and the Coast Guard is responsible for the compilation and distribution of information related thereto. I suggest that direct liaison on this matter be established between your Chief Intelligence Officer and Captain J. E. Stewart, Chief, Intelligence Division, U. S. Coast Guard.

If you find that the Central Intelligence Agency can be of further assistance in matters not covered by the port security program please advise us.

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Sincerely,

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C. P. Cabell  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Deputy Director

DHS Review Completed.

CONCUR: /s/ Huntington Sheldon  
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Mr. Edwin B. Howard  
Assistant Commissioner  
Field Inspections & Security Division  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Howard:

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If you find that the Central Intelligence Agency can be of further assistance in matters not covered by the port security program but within the area of your responsibilities, I shall be pleased to look into our capabilities to assist you.

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CONCUR:  
/s/Huntington Sheldon  
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Executive Registry

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Field Inspections & Security Division  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles

Acting DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

AND REFER TO THIS FILE NO.  
**56364/B7**

MAY 17, 1956

MR. ALLEN W. DULLES, DIRECTOR  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
2430 E STREET  
WASHINGTON D. C.

DEAR MR. DULLES:

PLEASE REFER TO PARAGRAPH 8, PAGE 10, OF THE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 15, 1956, BY THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL SECURITY (ICIS) ENTITLED, "THE STATUS AND DISPOSITION TO BE MADE, IN THE EVENT OF A WAR-RELATED EMERGENCY, OF ANY VESSEL OR PERSON THEREON IN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES ACTUALLY OR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TO THE INTERNAL SECURITY."

THIS PARAGRAPH RECOMMENDS, IN PART, THAT THE REPORT BE DISSEMINATED TO ALL THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES CONCERNED SO THAT THEY MAY BE AWARE OF THE URGENT NEED BY ACTION AGENCIES INCLUDING THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE FOR PROMPT INFORMATION OR INTELLIGENCE REGARDING PERSONS OR VESSELS ACTUALLY OR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TO THE INTERNAL SECURITY.

IN ORDER THAT THIS SERVICE MAY PROPERLY PLAN FOR AND CARRY OUT ITS COMMITMENTS AS SET OUT IN THE ICIS REPORT, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH, (1) SUCH PRESENT INFORMATION REGARDING MERCHANT VESSELS CARRYING THE FLAG OF A NON-SOVIET-BLOC NATION WHICH ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF A SOVIET-BLOC NATION BY VIRTUE OF CHARTER ARRANGEMENTS, DUMMY OWNERSHIPS, OR OTHER DEVICE THAT WILL ASSIST IN THE MAKING OF AN INTELLIGENT ESTIMATE OF THE AVERAGE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF SUCH VESSELS IN UNITED STATES PORTS ON ANY ONE DAY, AND (2) FUTURE INFORMATION THAT MIGHT REQUIRE CHANGES IN SUCH AN ESTIMATE.

CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, FIELD INSPECTIONS AND SECURITY DIVISION, IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, 119 D STREET, NE, WASHINGTON D. C., ATTENTION: CHIEF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.

YOURS VERY TRULY,

*Edwin B. Howard*  
EDWIN B. HOWARD,  
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,  
FIELD INSPECTIONS & SECURITY DIV.

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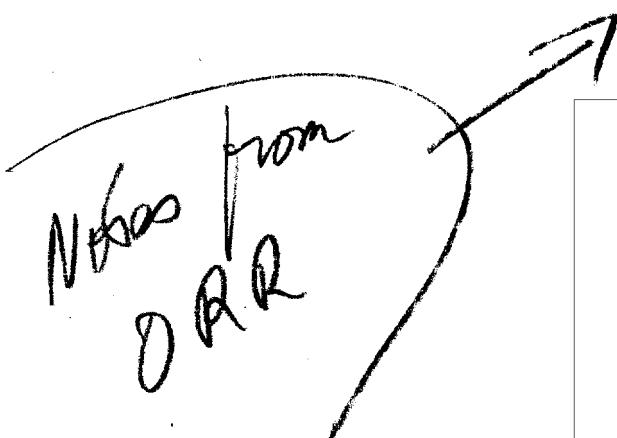
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Pursuant to NSC Action 5408, 24 February 1954, the US Coast  
Guard is now compiling on a continuing basis the shipping information  
which you request. [redacted]

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between your Chief Intelligence Officer and the Intelligence Division  
of the Coast Guard. If, after examining the capabilities of Coast Guard,  
you find that this Agency can be of additional assistance or should  
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